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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS CLAIMS PF SUPPORTED BY OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

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SUMMARY: FEB 5 ZAMBIAN PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE, FAVORABLE, FRONT-
PAGE COVERAGE TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE WHICH INTERPRETED
AS DECISION TO SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. GOVERNMENT PAPER
FEATURED STORY TITLED, "OAU BACK PATRIOTIC FRONT", AND PARTY
PAPER HEADLINED "DOOR LEFT OPEN FOR MISSING ANC PAIR. "END
SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL PLAYED THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE'S
DECISION TO SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS A FULL ENDORSEMENT
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OF THE FRONTLINE'S POSITION. ARTICLE REPORTS COMMITTEE'S
RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ALL MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
SUPPORT TO BE CHANNLED THROUGH THE PF, BUT LEFT THE DOOR
OPEN TO OTHER NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS TO JOIN THE FRONT AND
STATED THAT ALL EFFORTS TO TOPPLE SMITH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
AS PART AND PARCEL OF THE PF. ACKNOWLEDGING THERE WAS HEATED
DEBATE OVER THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE SOME DELEGATES CONSIDERED

EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION OF THE PF WAS TANTAMOUNT TO "DERECOGNIZING" OTHER NATIONALIST GROUPS, ACCOUNT SAYS MAJORITY OF DELEGATES INCLUDING "POWERFUL" NIGERIA SUPPORTED THE FRONTLINE DECISION. THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IN ITS YET TO BE PUBLISHED RESOLUTION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING LATER THIS MONTH.

2. TIMES OF ZAMBIA ALSO EMPHASIZES THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHILE NOTING THAT THE DOOR HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER NATIONALISTS MOVEMENTS, I.E. MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE. GRZ FONMIN MWALE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE CALLED ON IT TO FIND WAYS OF SHORTENING THE PERIOD OF HUMAN SUFFERING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ANNOUNCED THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN LUANDA IN JANUARY 1978.

BEGIN LOU.

3. COPY OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE RECOGNITION QUESTION OBTAINED BY THE EMBASSY DIFFERS IN EMPHASIS FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT ALL OAU SUPPORT SHOULD BE CHanneled THROUGH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. RATHER, IT SPECIFIES THAT THE OAU ENDORSES "THE DECISION OF THE FRONTLINE STATES TO GIVE FULL POLITICAL MATERIAL, AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO THE PF." IT GOES ON TO SAY, "THE DOOR SHOULD REMAIN OPEN TO ALL GROUPS OF ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS FIGHTING FOR MAJORITY RULE TO JOIN THE PF. ALL OTHER FIGHTING FORCES AIMING AT ELIMINATING THE REBEL CLIQUE IN SALISBURY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PART AND PARCEL OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT." LOW

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